

Energy and Environment Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
April 3, 2014

Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) held its meeting at the SCAG Los Angeles Office. The meeting was called to order by the Hon. James Johnson, Chair. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Lisa Bartlett, Dana Point (Vice-Chair)	TCA
Hon. Denis Bertone, San Dimas	SGVCOG
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill	GCCOG
Hon. Laura Friedman, Glendale	Arroyo Verdugo Cities
Hon. Sandra Genis, Costa Mesa	OCCOG
Hon. Ed Graham, Chino Hills	District 10
Hon. James Johnson, Long Beach (Chair)	District 30
Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet	WRCOG
Hon. Judy Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates	District 40
Hon. Geneva Mojado, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians	Tribal COG
Hon. Mike Munzing, Aliso Viejo	District 12
Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard	District 45
Hon. Lupe Ramos Watson, Indio	District 66
Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto	District 8
Hon. Jack Terrazas	Imperial County
Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Diane Williams, Rancho Cucamonga	SANBAG
Hon. Edward Wilson, Signal Hill	Gateway Cities

Members Not Present

Hon. Jordan Ehrenkranz, Canyon Lake	WRCOG
Hon. Mitchell Englander, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Steve Hernandez, Coachella	CVAG
Hon. Thomas Martin, Maywood	GCCOG
Hon. Sam Pedroza, Claremont	SGVCOG
Hon. David Pollock, Moorpark	VCOG
Hon. Stephen Sammarco, Redondo Beach	SBCCOG
Mr. Steve Schuyler, ExOfficio	Building Industry Association

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hon. James Johnson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill, led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Chair James Johnson, opened the election for Chair and Vice-Chair and noted that he will not seek the Chair position for a second term. Justine Block, Deputy Legal Counsel, stated that an advance call for nominations was made, and no one expressed interest in running for the positions. Ms. Block stated that the current Vice Chair is eligible to be elected to her position for a second consecutive year and opened nominations from the floor for either Chair or Vice-Chair. Hon. Bartlett expressed interest in serving a second term as Vice Chair and noted that her City Council term ends in November 2014.

A MOTION was made (Forester) to re-elect Hon. Bartlett as Vice Chair of the EEC Committee. The MOTION was SECONDED (Wilson) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the following vote:

AYES: Bartlett, Bertone, Clark, Forester, Friedman, Genis, Graham, Johnson, Krupa, Mitchell, Mojado, Munzing, Ramirez, Ramos-Watson, Robertson, Terrazas, Viegas-Walker, Williams, Wilson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

A MOTION was made (Clark) to nominate Hon. Mike Munzing, Aliso Viejo, as Chair. The MOTION was SECONDED (Forester). A second MOTION was made (Viegas-Walker) to nominate Hon. Deborah Robertson, Rialto as Chair. The MOTION was SECONDED (Graham).

After statements were presented by the candidates the Committee used paper ballots for the election of Chair. Hon. Deborah Robertson had the majority of votes and was elected as Chair by the following vote:

AYES: Bartlett, Bertone, Friedman, Genis, Graham, Johnson, Krupa, Mitchell, Ramirez, Ramos-Watson, Robertson, Terrazas, Viegas-Walker, Williams, Wilson
NOES: Mojado, Clark, Forester, Munzing,
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

James Enstrom, PhD, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) and Scientific Integrity Institute, stated that there are various ways to look at the evidence of health effects of air pollution in California that is different than the way it is normally presented by the California Air Resources Board (ARB) and the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and which has led him to question the way that EPA has established the federal air quality standards for PM_{2.5} and ozone. This was a focus of discussion at a Sustainable Goods Movement Symposium held in November 2013 in Palm Desert. Dr. Enstrom also alerted the Committee to a bill introduced to the US House of Representatives (H.R. 4012) intended to “prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible.”

Matt Malkan, PhD, UCLA Department of Physics, stated his belief that there is a lack of a balanced approach to air quality regulations promulgated by ARB and SCAQMD with regard to whether there is in actuality a significant correlation between fine particles and negative health effects. His contention is that the economic costs are larger than the questionable benefits of the new regulations.

Tyson Eckerle, Zero Emission Infrastructure Project Manager, Governor's Office of Business & Economic Development, announced that the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development is hosting a workshop on April 14, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., at Toyota's Automobile Museum in Torrance focusing on hydrogen fuel and infrastructure. Details and registration is available at GoBizworkshop.eventbrite.com.

Leeor Alpern, SCAQMD, announced that the SCAQMD was having its annual Electric Lawn Mower Exchange Program. The first event will be held in Long Beach on May 3, 2014, and then continue on to Pasadena, Riverside, and Anaheim in the months of May through June. Additionally, the SCAQMD's Annual Clean Air Awards will be held in early October 2014. Nominations are now being accepted, the deadline will be in early June 2014. SCAQMD now has its "connected to clean air" app available. Download the free app at www.aqmd.gov.

REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEM

1. AB 32 Scoping Plan Update

Terry Roberts, Manager, Sustainable Communities Policy and Planning, ARB, reported that AB 32 required the ARB to adopt a Scoping Plan that would provide a guide for the entire state on how to meet its 2020 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction goals. The initial Scoping Plan that was adopted in December 2008 focused on the 2020 goals and contained a balanced mix of strategies that looked at all the major sectors of the economy where greenhouse gas emissions were a major concern. The initial Scoping Plan prescribed specific measures and programs to achieve the 1910 GHG emission levels by 2020. Some of those measures were voluntary and some were regulatory. The law also requires that the ARB do an update to the Plan every five years, this process is currently underway.

Over the last five (5) years since the first Scoping Plan was adopted, the ARB has implemented a set of actions that are decreasing GHG emissions; cleaning the air; diversifying the energy; and fueling that power our society and spurring innovation in a range of advanced technologies. Some of the measures include the CAP and Trade and the Advanced Clean Cars and Low Carbon Fuel Standard.

Ms. Roberts emphasized that the Scoping Plan update is not an ARB plan or document but a state plan that involves the cooperation and collaboration of many different state departments and stakeholders. On March 14, 2014, ARB released the Environmental Assessment that goes with the February 10, 2014 update to the plan. Public comment deadline is April 28, 2014. Responses to comments will be posted on ARB's Scoping Plan comments website

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopignplan/2013comments.htm>. The ARB will hold a public hearing on May 22, 2014 to consider final action and adoption of the Scoping Plan Update.

2. San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) Regional Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan Presentation

Steve Smith, SANBAG Planning Director, stated that on March 5, 2014 the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) approved the San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan (Regional GHG Plan) and certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

for the Regional GHG Plan. Prepared in collaboration with twenty-one (21) San Bernardino County jurisdictions, the Regional GHG Plan is the first multi-jurisdictional, regional GHG plan with an EIR in California. It enables each of the participating cities to proceed with adopting its own Climate Action Plan (CAP), consistent with State guidelines. The Plan was prepared in response to AB 32 and also supports local implementation of SB 375.

Mr. Smith introduced SANBAG consultants Rich Walter, ICF, and Michael Hendrix, Atkins, to provide a brief update on the San Bernardino County Regional Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan and EIR.

The Regional Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan can be found at:
http://www.sanbag.ca.gov/planning2/plan_greenhouse.html

3. Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) Climate Action Plan (CAP) Presentation

Alexa Washburn, WRCOG Program Manager, stated that WRCOG received a \$410,000 sustainable communities planning grant from the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) to develop a Climate Action Plan (CAP) for Western Riverside County. It is a three year work program that WRCOG is expected to complete by September 2014. The Plan establishes policies and priorities which enable WRCOG's member jurisdictions to successful the requirements of AB 32 and SB 375.

Once the CAP is adopted in the summer of 2014 WRCOG will move into the implementation and monitoring phase where a tracking tool will be developed. This task will be funded through a SCAG Sustainability Grant. Public review of the Draft CAP is available for comments through April 30, 2014. The approval process of the draft will be in May and June 2014, followed by the SGC Grant to be completed in September 2014 at the same time embarking on Phase II which is the SCAG Sustainability Grant in which WRCOG is looking to integrate climate adaptation and resiliency strategies, link CAP measures to public health, and establish implementation and monitoring tools.

More information on the CAP can be found at, www.activeCAPwrcog.com

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval Item

5. Minutes of the February 6, 2014 Meeting

A MOTION was made (Forester) to approve the Minutes. The MOTION was SECONDED (Robertson) and unanimously APPROVED by the following vote:

AYES:	Bartlett, Bertone, Clark, Forester, Genis, Graham, Johnson, Krupa, Mitchell, Mojado, Munzing, Ramirez, Ramos-Watson, Robertson, Terrazas, Viegas-Walker, Williams, Wilson
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Receive and File

6. 2014 Regional Council and Policy Committee Meeting Schedule

7. SCAG Sustainability Planning Grants Program – Monthly Update

A MOTION was made (Munzing) to accept the Receive and File items. The MOTION was SECONDED (Wilson) and unanimously APPROVED by the following vote:

AYES: Bartlett, Bertone, Clark, Forester, Genis, Graham, Johnson, Krupa, Mitchell, Mojado, Munzing, Ramirez, Ramos-Watson, Robertson, Terrazas, Viegas-Walker, Williams, Wilson

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

CHAIR'S REPORT – Hon. James Johnson thanked the EEC members for allowing him the honor of serving as Chair this past year.

STAFF REPORT

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG Staff, reminded EEC members who are not on the Regional Council (RC) that registration was open for SCAG's General Assembly, May 1-2, 2014, at the Renaissance Esmeralda Indian Wells Resort and Spa. Mr. Nadler reminded members to submit their FPPC 700 Form to Lillian Harris-Neal, Clerk of the Board.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Hon. Larry Forester, Signal Hill - Health Risk Assessment versus Health Risk Impact

Hon. Carmen Ramirez, Oxnard – Landfills as they relate to Greenhouse Gas emissions and Methane gas as an energy source

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Hon. Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, announced that there will be a tour of the Salton Sea on the morning of April 30, 2013. Seating is limited.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. James Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

The next meeting of the Energy & Environment Committee will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at the SCAG Los Angeles Office.

Action Minutes Approved by:



Jonathan Nadler, Manager
Compliance & Performance Monitoring

Energy and Environment Committee Attendance Report

2014

Member (including Ex-Officio) LastName, FirstName	Date Appointed if after 1/1/14	Representing	X = County Represented						X = Attended Black Shading = Dark												Total Mtgs Attended
			Imperial	Los Angeles	Orange	Riverside	San Bernardino	Ventura	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Bartlett, Lisa		OCCOG			X				X	X		X									3
Bertone, Denis		SGVCOG		X					X	X	X	X	G								4
Clark, Margaret		Rosemead		X					X	X	X	X	E								4
Ehrenkranz, Jordan		WRCOG				X			X	X	X		N								3
Englander, Mitchell		Los Angeles		X									E								
Forester, Larry		Gateway Cities		X						X	X	X	R								3
Friedman, Laura		AVCOG		X					X	X	X	X	A								4
Genis, Sandra		OCCOG			X				X	X	X	X	L								4
Graham, Ed		Chino Hills					X					X									1
Hernandez, Steven		CVAG					X						A								
Johnson James		Long Beach		X					X	X	X	X	S								4
Krupa, Linda		Hemet				X					X	X	S								2
Martin, Thomas		GCCOG		X					X	X	X		E								3
Mitchell, Judy		SBCCOG		X					X	X	X	X	M								4
Mojado, Geneva	2/1/2014	Tribal COG								X	X	X	B								3
Munzing, Mike		District 12			X				X	X	X	X	L								4
Pedroza, Sam		SGVCOG		X							X		Y								1
Pollock, David		VCOG						X	X	X	X										3
Ramirez, Carmen		Oxnard						X	X	X	X	X									4
Ramos Watson, Lupe		CVAG				X			X	X	X	X									4
Robertson, Deborah		District 8					X			X	X	X									3
Sanmarco, Stephen		SBCCOG		X					X	X											2
Schuyler, Steve	2/1/2014	BIASC								X											1
Terrazas, Jack		Imperial County	X						X	X	X	X									4
Viegas Walker, Cheryl		El Centro	X						X	X	X	X									4
Williams, Diane		SANBAG					X		X	X	X	X									4
Wilson, Edward		Signal Hill		X					X	X	X	X									4
TOTALS			2	11	3	3	4	2													